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Permanent memorial to and remembrance of the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade: status of the United Nations Trust Fund for Partnerships — Permanent Memorial

Report of the Secretary-General

I. Introduction

1. In paragraph 10 of its resolution 70/7, the General Assembly requested the United Nations Office for Partnerships, through the Secretary-General, to submit a comprehensive report to the Assembly at its seventy-first session on the status of the United Nations Trust Fund for Partnerships — Permanent Memorial, established with a view to implementing the initiative to erect a permanent memorial in honour of the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade and, in particular, on contributions received and their utilization.

2. The present report is submitted pursuant to that request.

II. Status of the Trust Fund

3. As at 30 June 2016, a total of $2,185,214 had been recorded as income received from contributions and interest under the Trust Fund, comprising voluntary contributions from Member States amounting to $1,890,750, public and private donations totalling $230,470 and interest income of $63,994. The breakdown of the contributions received is provided in the annex to the present report.

4. With regard to expenditure, an amount of $2,059,447 had been utilized as at 30 June, including $1,782,000 for the design, fabrication and installation of the memorial, which in turn includes an estimate of $8,000 for the design, fabrication and installation of a donor plaque listing the contributors to the memorial.

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Concerning the remaining expenditure, an amount of $277,447 was used for the international design competition, including the cash prize awarded to the winning artist and contractual services.

5. The permanent memorial, *The Ark of Return*, was unveiled by the Secretary-General and the President of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly, Sam Kutesa, at a ceremony at Headquarters on 25 March 2015, the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, in the presence of, among others, the Prime Minister of Jamaica, Portia Simpson Miller; the Director General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Irina Bokova; the Permanent Representative of Jamaica and Chair of the Permanent Memorial Committee, Courtenay Rattray; the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, Asoke Kumar Mukerji; the Permanent Observer of the African Union, Tété António; and the architect, Rodney Leon.

6. As no further expenditures are envisaged for the construction and erection of the memorial, it is recalled that the General Assembly decided that any funds remaining in the Trust Fund would be retained to support the maintenance of the memorial, as outlined in paragraph 6 of resolution 69/19.

7. Accordingly, the estimated residual balance, amounting to $125,767, which represents the current balance in the Trust Fund account less the amount for the donor plaque, will be transferred to an appropriate trust fund administered by the Office of Central Support Services in the Department of Management, for the purpose of maintaining the memorial.

Annex

United Nations Trust Fund for Partnerships — Permanent Memorial: contributions received as at 30 June 2016

(United States dollars)

Donor	*Amount*
Afghanistan	1 000
Algeria	20 000
Antigua and Barbuda	7 500
Argentina	30 000
Australia	150 000
Azerbaijan	25 000
Bahamas	7 500
Barbados	10 000
Belgium	6 267
Belize	2 000
Bhutan	1 000
Botswana	10 000
Brazil	20 000
Burkina Faso	533
Cameroon	9 090
Canada	19 342
Chile	5 000
China	20 000
Congo	9 831
Costa Rica	5 000
Cyprus	675
Denmark	10 000
Ecuador	5 000
Egypt	5 000
Equatorial Guinea	100 000
Estonia	10 000
Finland	75 000
Georgia	5 000
Germany	20 000
Ghana	10 000
Greece	1 278
Grenada	5 000
Guyana	10 085
Haiti	15 000
Honduras	2 000

Donor	*Amount*
Iceland	1 000
India	260 000
Indonesia	500
Ireland	10 000
Israel	20 000
Italy	15 000
Jamaica	7 500
Japan	60 000
Kazakhstan	50 000
Kenya	5 000
Kuwait	20 000
Libya	20 000
Liechtenstein	3 000
Lithuania	2 000
Luxembourg	55 021
Malaysia	10 000
Malta	500
Mauritius	5 000
Mexico	5 000
Monaco	6 564
Montenegro	500
Morocco	5 876
Mozambique (Southern African Development Community Group of Ambassadors)	2 500
Namibia	2 000
Netherlands	62 198
New Zealand	40 000
Nicaragua	500
Norway	5 000
Oman	9 979
Pakistan	25 000
Philippines	5 000
Portugal	39 040
Qatar	30 000
Republic of Korea	20 000
Saint Kitts and Nevis	1 000
Saint Lucia	600
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	5 000
Saudi Arabia	10 000
Senegal	9 610

Donor	*Amount*
Singapore	10 000
Slovenia	11 818
South Africa	101 051
Spain	84 141
Sri Lanka	500
Sudan	1 000
Suriname	10 000
Sweden	10 000
Syrian Arab Republic	1 000
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	500
Togo	175
Trinidad and Tobago	15 000
Turkey	23 500
Uganda	10 000
United Arab Emirates	5 000
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	29 076
United Republic of Tanzania	5 000
United States of America	100 000
Uruguay	10 000
Subtotal, Member State donations	**1 890 750**
Foundations	140 000
Martinique	55 859
Private donors	34 611
Subtotal, public/private donations	**230 470**
Interest income	63 994
Total	**2 185 214**